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TREATMENT OF SOLIDS CONTAINING  
TITANIUM

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

**SUBMITTED WITH**

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 9, 2008, being submitted together with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendment to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.